Daily Word



Class Thoughts

PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ mind you are unified in thought and purpose for the good of all humanity.

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ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): I hear the voice of God saying, "Let there be light," and I understand.	**ILLUMINATION** (11 a. m.): The Spirit of Jehovah is with me, and I see clearly.
PROSPERITY (12 noon): The promise "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do," is now fulfilled in my abundance.	**PROSPERITY** (12 noon): The prosperity that God planned for me in the beginning is now manifest and I am bountifully supplied.
HEALING (9 p. m.): I hear the voice of Jesus saying, "Thy faith hath made thee whole," and I am healed.	**HEALING** (9 p. m.): The restorative power of God within me is quickened, and I am healed.

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The Place of the Silence

JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

HAVE YOU ever been in a garden in the evening? The honey-heavy bees are home from the clover. The moths suck the sweetness of the moonflowers. The wind does not stir among the drooping leaves. Over every leaf and flower peace broods like a bird and like a bird peace broods over the heart.

Have you ever walked alone through falling snow at night? Like a mantle it wraps you away from the familiar world of things and people, claims and cares. It comes down silently as heaven's grace. It wipes away the ugliness and scars of every day and makes all things one in white simplicity. The snow is a solitude of silence.

Yet deeper than the silence of a garden in the evening, deeper than the silence of falling snow, is the silence of the presence of God.

Here workaday worries fade away. When you go into the place of the silence, you leave outside the dusty cares of every day, as an Oriental leaves his shoes outside his holy place of prayer. Your thought is stayed on the things that are good and true and merciful, and you rise at last, body stilled, mind stilled, refreshed and restored.

There is a place to which you can turn for rest

and release from fear and care. This place is not far away or difficult of access. It is right where you are now. It is right where you are whenever you shut the doors of the senses, still the importuning of little thoughts, and go alone with God.

In the place of the silence there is stillness and peace. It is not the stillness of sleep. It is not the peace of dreams. It is such stillness as the tree must know when in the summer afternoon its outstretched leaves soak in the sun. It is such peace as the bird must know when with no movement of its wings it floats serene upon the moving air. It is the stillness of God's sustaining presence, the peace of His all-infolding life.

Have you ever welcomed home someone you love who had been away a long time? In the midst of the turmoil of the station, the jostling elbows, the indifferent voices, the hurrying feet, when the one you love came through the gate, for a moment the noise and confusion faded away, you reached out your hands and your heart, and there was only love and peace and joy. So when you go into the place of the silence, no matter what the outer world may hold, for a moment the noise and confusion fade away, and in the presence of the One you love, the One who loves you, there is only peace and joy.

Beneath the waves the deeps lie silent and un-

troubled. Above the clouds the heavens are undisturbed. In the center of a hurtling flywheel there is a point that is still. Beneath the surface of events, above the level of thought, inside your inmost heart there is a place of peace.

The silence is a windless place of thought in which the mind may walk alone and find rest. The silence is a deep pool in which the soul may gaze into the depths of itself. The silence is a bridge from man to God.

Is not music more beautiful because there are rests? Is not eloquence more passionate when it has pauses? How much lovelier than the loveliest song is the unheard music in the heart! How much deeper than the most passionate outpouring are unuttered feelings! The silence is the speech that transcends speech, the conversation of your soul with God, wordless and wonderful.

It is in silence that God writes on the emptiness of space and punctuates His sentences with stars. It is in silence that great thoughts are born. It is in silence that our life is fashioned and finds meaning.

In the very center of silence is the presence of God. What is the presence of God? It is not sound or sight or even thought. It is the strength you are in need of. It is the courage you did not have before. It is the inspiration you are seeking. It is the

love that tells you you are not alone. It is the assurance that all is well, like a light from a window on a lonely road at night, like the hand of a friend stretched out in a moment of need, like the sight of your own home after a weary journey.

Homecoming after a journey—what is better than that? And what is better after the tumult of the world than to turn to God?

There are many kinds of silence. There is the drowsy silence of the noonday fields. There is the restless silence of the sleeping city. There is the silence of the grief too deep for tears and of the joy too full for laughter. There is the understanding silence that falls between new lovers and old friends. The movement of the heavens, the growth of living things, is silent. There is the silence of thought.

But deeper is the silence of the place of peace within you. Deeper is the silence where you commune with God. In the silence is strength for the tired body. In the silence is love for the lonely spirit. In the silence is peace for the troubled heart. There your whole being becomes a place of prayer, a holy temple set upon a hill. There God becomes a living presence. There you become His son. You walk and talk with Him through the meadows of the mind, in the valley of content, by the pools of renewal, in the place of the silence.

God Bless Them

THEOBEL WING ALLEESON

God bless them, those I love the best,
Wherever they may be or go—
I know that I have never guessed
The fullness of Thy love's outflow.

Lord, let me hold no alien thought,
No thought of failure, none of ill;
Let me know truly that their lot
Is glorious if they seek Thy will.

God bless them now in perfect ways.
They are Thy children. In Thy care
Let them walk gladly all their days,
Guided and guarded everywhere!

This Is Tomorrow

MARY MAE OESCH

FOR WEEKS my little son had looked forward to visiting his grandparents in a distant city. Finally there came the day when I could tell him, "Tomorrow we shall go on the train to Grandma's." Bright and early the next morning he fairly bounced into my room. "Wake up, Mummy," he cried. "This is the tomorrow we've been waiting for!"

How happy we shall all be when we know that this is the "tomorrow" we have been waiting for! During the war years we looked forward to "when the war is over" for the accomplishment of many things. We continually promise ourselves that great things will be done by us "when the opportunity arises" or perhaps "when we know more about Truth." Whatever good we anticipate in our thoughts and dreams is ours to claim here and now through the right use of the God power at our disposal. Whatever the heights to which we aspire, let us know that the very aspiration is born out of our innate ability to accomplish it.

Our dreams can become realities, for it is our Creator's will to grant us whatever good we are ready to receive. Jesus was vitally aware of His identity as a spiritual being, as a Son of God. "I and the Father are one." "All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine." He was not daunted by conditions that seemed insurmountable, because He knew that "with God all things are possible." The time element was transcended in Jesus' demonstrations because of His complete and constant realization of the Father's presence and power. Jesus demonstrated the right use of the universal power that is inherent in all men. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. . . . These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full." "It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

This is the opportune time to begin the transformation of dreams into reality. The measure of our success depends upon our willingness to accept the challenge of our aspirations, and our faith in God's power working through us. By contacting through prayer the universal God-Mind, which is all intelligence, we open the way for the development of our abilities and the attainment of our good. Affirmative prayer releases power by

which positive results are accomplished. Prayer recalls to our remembrance the reality of our sonship. "Now are we children of God."

When we are fired by the inspiration of an ideal, life becomes a constant affirmation of the good we seek to express. True prayer is accompanied by action, or by improved attitudes of mind that result in action. "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

We delay our good by expecting it at some future time. Now is the time to change that vague tomorrow into a today of action. There is wisdom in the words of the realist who said that when opportunity knocks we needn't sit listlessly waiting for it to knock us over. We are told that the right angle from which to approach any problem is the "try angle." Let us act with the courage of our convictions, work with enthusiasm and diligence, and praise God that achievement is already ours in Spirit.

Let us change "I wish I could" to "I know I can." Let us think of this as the tomorrow we have awaited, the someday we have anticipated. Let us see the opportunities before us today. Let us increase our knowledge and deepen our wisdom today. Let us appreciate our present blessings today. Truly "this day is a day of good tidings" and "now is the acceptable time."

Set God before You

"God, which dwelleth in heaven, prosper your journey, and the angel of God keep you company."

THE primary purpose of any vacation is to provide a rest, a change, from the everyday routine, an opportunity for refreshment and renewal of the inner as well as the physical man. While some persons find the keenest happiness in travel and the exploration of new places and scenes, others find equal joy and relaxation in a tramp through the woods, in the pursuit of a cherished hobby, in golfing or swimming, or in some other sport or diversion.

So let us bless our vacation. Wherever we are, whatever we are doing, the Spirit of God is in our midst. His Spirit is a protecting, directing presence, ever watching over us and attending us on our way. Let us start out each morning in the consciousness that God is with us, making clear, safe, happy, and perfect our way. If we will invoke His blessing when we first awaken in the morning and when we retire at night, we can be sure that His love and power will overshadow us throughout the day and night. This prayer is an effective one to use:

I set God before me this day to guide, to govern, to protect, and to prosper me.

When we set God before us for the day, we find it easy to replace fear with confidence in God's ever-present help, thoughts of anxiety with assurance, tenseness and irritability with love and joy and harmony.

When we invoke the guidance and protection of the Father, we can be sure that His love not only protects us from physical danger but also insures the safety of our personal possessions and all that is ours. Many a Truth student has proved the value of speaking the foregoing prayer or some other word of blessing not only for the vehicle in which he was traveling—auto, train, bus, airplane, boat—but also for his luggage, his pocketbook and money, his tires, his trailer, his tent, his radio, his food, his camera, and other articles of importance.

In the case of a stalled motor or other mechanical difficulty the word of blessing has been instantly effectual, and there are countless testimonials to the way in which prayer has protected vacationists from troublesome flat tires, dangerous roads, accidents, and similar experiences.

No matter how it is spent, a vacation is an excellent time to develop a fuller awareness of, a deeper sense of close companionship with, the Father in whom we forever live and move and have our being.

Peace Abiding

RUTH HARWOOD

Peace in the world
The cricket hums;
Peace in the world
Whatever comes.

Calm broods in the night
Over the hill,
Gentle and tender,
Starry and still.

Soft wings of healing,
Comforting, blest,
Wooing earth's children
Homeward to rest.

Peace in the soul
The cricket hums;
Peace in the soul
Whatever comes.

GOD IS WITH ME THIS DAY, AND GOD CANNOT FAIL.

YOU CAN expect a propitious outcome of everything you undertake if you have the faith to know that God is with you, that you cannot fail because God cannot fail.

Do not let fear of failure keep you from attempting anything you long to do. Do not let fear of what others may say or think keep you from expressing yourself, from using your abilities, from growing and accomplishing. Say to yourself, whenever you hesitate to act in accord with an inner prompting: "God is with me, and God cannot fail." Rely on His Spirit and know that the help you need, the wisdom you need, the understanding you need will come as you take the initial steps toward accomplishing the good purposes of your heart.

Charles Fillmore says that "souls are not created great but with the capacity to become great." You have the capacity to become a great soul; you have the opportunity every day to develop in soul stature by making small overcomings, by using faith in even the minor matters of life.

♣ *I can do all things in him.*—PHIL. 4:13.

Friday

I AM RENEWED, REFRESHED, RESTORED THROUGH THE POWER OF SPIRIT IN ME.

VACATIONS usually offer recreation and renewal of body and spirit. But whether we go away from home, seek diversion and rest at home, or forgo a vacation altogether, we need to remind ourselves that recreation in its truest sense is always available to us. Recreation means a re-creating, "refreshment of strength and spirits."

Affirmative prayer is a most beneficial form of recreation. Through prayer we can recreate the vigor and perfect health, the confidence and peace of mind we so much desire. When we take time for quiet prayer and meditation we are refreshed in strength and spirits, we feel new power flowing into us, we are energized spiritually.

We enjoy times of outer recreation such as vacations much more, we are filled with enthusiasm and vitality, and a real zest for living when we take time daily to be still, when we are receptive and responsive to the renewing, refreshing, restoring power of Spirit within.

♣ *They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength.* —ISA. 40:31.

Saturday

I AM POISED AND CENTERED IN THE CHRIST WITHIN, AND I RADIATE PEACE AND LIGHT.

TODAY LET us find the place of poise within ourselves, let us discover our Christ center, and then we can be very certain of radiating peace and light to all with whom we come in contact. It is a natural and normal desire to want to help others to the larger happiness that we ourselves have gained through a knowledge of the Truth. But the way of wisdom bids us respect each person's right to discover for himself in his own way and at his own time this path that leads to peace and light. We can know however that as we live and exemplify the teachings of the Lord Christ we shall be inspiring others to seek and find Him so that they too may live in His light.

Our part is to keep our thoughts attuned to the Christ mind so that we may be poised and calm and helpful under all conditions. Our part is to keep our heart so filled with His light that we let that light shine. Our part is to keep so close to His love that we radiate happiness.

✱ *Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works.*—MATT. 5:16.

I KNOW THAT GOD LOVES ME AND APPROVES OF WHAT I DO.

UNITY Sunday school tots have a song they sing each Sunday morning; with their little hands placed together as though they were a book they sing, "I open my Bible book and read, 'God loves me, He loves me.' " That is a thought we adults might well bear in mind too. God loves me, He loves me!

What is more needed in our life this day than a consciousness of God's love and approbation? Would you not feel healthier, happier, and wealthier if you felt secure in God's love?

You are secure in the love of God. He created man in His image and gave him mastery over all the earth, and He could not have done this except through love. His love, unlike human love, is abiding, never ending, not circumscribed. His love encompasses all people, it sees only perfection, it condemns not, it blesses all.

God's love is for you, it is with you now. Accept it, rest and grow in its warmth and glory.

♣ *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God.*—ROM. 8:39.

I AM A SPIRITUAL BEING, LIVING IN A HEAVENLY REALM OF BEAUTY, ORDER, AND PERFECTION.

THE study of Truth reveals the way to put on perfection; its teachings show us how to change our thinking, how to approach life positively instead of negatively. Truth presents a way of life that leads to happiness; it teaches us to grow through our experiences, to unfold from sense to spirituality.

But there is another phase of Truth that it is well for us to think about. While in one sense we are continually in a state of becoming, of putting on the Christ, in Truth, in reality we already are that which we are becoming! "I AM THAT I AM." In Spirit we are perfect, in Spirit we already live in the kingdom of heaven, where all is fulfilled.

Think of yourself as you are in Spirit, especially when you seem weighted down with problems. It is a transcendent idea to know that you are Spirit, that you are living in the kingdom of God now, that in Truth you have no problems. In Truth you are perfect in mind, body, and affairs.

♣ *Ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit.*—ROM. 8:9.

Tuesday

I HAVE FAITH THAT GOD'S JUST AND LOVING SPIRIT IS WORKING IN ME, THROUGH ME, AND FOR ME.

JUST AS there is healing for any appearance of ill-health or disease in the body, there is healing for any appearance of injustice or inharmony in the affairs.

The appearance of injustice is as contrary to God's good will for us as is the appearance of sickness. We should not accept injustice as our lot any more than we should accept disease, lack, or any negative condition.

When we are in need of healing, we affirm our perfection in Spirit, we acknowledge and recognize the life of God in us that is unchanging, that works in and through our body to establish perfect health in every part. When we are in need of justice we affirm the perfect justice of Spirit, we acknowledge and recognize God's just and loving Spirit working in and through us and our affairs to establish justice and right conditions for us and for everyone who may be involved in the condition or situation that has created an appearance of injustice.

♣ *Jehovah is a God of justice.*—ISA. 30:18.

Wednesday

I ACKNOWLEDGE MY ONENESS WITH GOD AT ALL TIMES, AND I KNOW THAT ONLY THAT WHICH IS FOR MY HIGHEST GOOD CAN COME TO ME.

THE knowledge that we are one with God, that He is as close to us as the very air we breathe, gives us courage and inspiration to meet every experience. Whatever need may arise in our life, the assurance that God is with us and that we can rely on His help, will bring us safely and serenely through.

Start each day by acknowledging your oneness with God. Be still and know that His infinite light and love and wisdom permeate every part of your being and every phase of your life and affairs. Give thanks that His wisdom and intelligence are constantly guiding you in every decision, that His love is harmonizing and blessing every detail of your life.

Beginning each day with a conscious awareness of the presence and power of God will train you to look to Him in every time of need. The assurance that God is with you will help you solve every problem and bring good into manifestation.

♣ *One God and Father of all.*—EPH. 4:6.

I TURN TO GOD, AND HE GUIDES MY STEPS AND BLESSES ME IN ALL MY WAYS.

THERE ARE times in my life, as in every life, when the assurance that I can turn to God for strength, light, and wisdom is a strong staff upon which I lean in faith and perfect trust. When I am faced with change and seeming confusion, the knowledge that God is near and I can turn to Him brings peace and rest to my soul. I still all anxious thoughts and put my trust in Him, and He guides and sustains me, making every step I am to take plain before me.

Nothing can upset me or make me doubt the outworking of good in my affairs, for I am one with God, and His power is working in and through me to establish good. His wisdom counsels me, and I am conscious of divine direction in every decision. His love surrounds me, harmonizing every situation. His strength upholds me, making me strong and courageous for the tasks that are before me. As I turn to God all seeming obstacles disappear and my way is made clear and perfect before me.

♣ *Jehovah will guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul.*—ISA. 58:11.

Friday

I AM GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR ABUNDANT GOOD.

I GIVE thanks that my supply comes from God and that His Spirit is ever with me to fulfill my needs.

I give thanks that all men have access to the wealth of God; that it cannot be limited by any regulations that men choose to make for themselves. This great bounty belongs to no man, but all men may partake of it according to their faith.

Jesus taught us a great lesson concerning the meeting of shortages when He shared the few loaves and fishes with so many. This was not a lesson in division, rather it was a wonderful example in multiplication. There can be no shortage or limitation where there is appreciation and awareness of God's abundance.

My gratitude multiplies the wealth that God has for me. I am ever aware that my supply comes from Him, not from some limited source that man subtracts from or divides.

I am grateful to God for abundant good now.

Thou openest thine hand,
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
—PSALMS 145:16.

Saturday

I KNOW THE TRUTH, AND I AM FREE.

JESUS said to His followers: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered unto him, We are Abraham's seed, and have never yet been in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?"

Jesus told them that they were bond servants to their own negative thinking, to their fears and failure to express their true self. But He said that the "bondservant abideth not in the house for ever." That is, the self of us that errs is not the real self of us; it is transitory, human, changing, growing. But "the son abideth for ever."

Each of us in his true self is the son, each of us is spiritual, unfettered and unbound by mortal limitations. We can realize our spiritual freedom, we can rise out of any bondage to false thinking, we can be free indeed, if we will begin to think of ourselves as sons of God rather than "Abraham's seed."

Today realize that the "son abideth for ever" in you, that the Holy Spirit dwells in you.

♣ *Ye shall be free indeed.*—JOHN 8:36.

Sunday

FATHER, IN THIS HOUR I COME TO THEE IN PRAYER, REALIZING THY PRESENCE AND POWER IN THE MIDST OF ME.

FATHER, this hour and each hour of this day is made holy by Thine omnipresence. Because I realize this truth, I release all outer conditions that would disturb me and turn in gladness of heart to Thee, knowing that all is well.

If my world about me is dark and my heart seems heavy or burdened, I seek the light of Thy presence. I say unto Thee, "Father, my heart seeks Thy love, Thy strength, Thy courage." Should my mind be weary from the day's activities, I say, "Father, my mind seeks Thy peace, Thy wisdom, Thy power." If my soul seems tossed upon a restless sea of loneliness or grief, I say, "Father, my soul seeks Thy forgiveness, Thy grace, Thine eternal love." Thy presence and power in the midst of me fills my every need.

I am now free from anxiety of heart, fear of mind, and perplexity of soul. Father, I look to Thee alone for courage, for strength, for wisdom.

♣ *Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace.* —JOB 22:21.



PRAYER IN THE LATE AFTERNOON

ALICE WILSON OLDROYD

Sunlight has deepened to this hour,
Holding its daily pattern. From the chord
Of turning leaf and singing hush of birds
Rise tones of praise for a sweet vesper.

God of all ordered beauty, let me bear
Upon my heart as natural a prayer.



Monday

AUGUST 12

I HAVE FAITH IN THE NEVER-FAILING POWER OF GOD AT WORK IN MY LIFE.

SOME PERSONS theorize so much about life and what is right and important in life that they never really get down to the business of accomplishing the desires of their heart. Some blame other persons for taking their time and energies and feel that they have not had the opportunities and advantages others have had. Actually, if we really want to accomplish something we can. But we cannot reach our goal just by talking about it or by reading about what someone else has accomplished. We must do the work ourselves.

One thing that keeps some persons from concentrated effort is their feeling that they must keep an eye on the whole of their life or they will lose out someplace.

There is a spirit of good ever at work in our life, and the secret of concentration and accomplishment is to trust this spirit to care for us, our loved ones, and our affairs, and to use our powers for the accomplishment of that which we desire to attain.

♣ *Be not slothful.*—HEB. 6:12 (A. V.).

Tuesday

TODAY I APPROACH LIFE WITH A NEW HEART, MIND, AND SPIRIT, FOR THE FORGIVING LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST HAS SET ME FREE.

THROUGH the forgiving love of Jesus Christ I am set free from self-reproach or unhappiness about mistakes I may have made.

I should like always to use good judgment, always to make wise and right decisions, always to say and do the kind and loving thing, always to express my highest self. But if I have acted hastily or unwisely, if I have been unloving, unkind, or thoughtless, if I have failed to express my highest self, I am not bound to my mistakes. The loving, forgiving Christ Spirit lifts me out of dejection or feelings of failure; it fills me with new understanding and inspires me to begin again.

I accept the forgiving love of Jesus Christ. I accept the lessons that I learn from every experience. I give thanks that even through mistakes I can grow and increase in understanding.

Today I approach life with a new heart, mind, and spirit, for the forgiving love of Jesus Christ has set me free.

♣ *Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things that are before.*—PHIL. 3:13.

I AM ALIVE WITH THE ETERNAL, INDESTRUCTIBLE LIFE OF CHRIST.

"BEFORE Abraham was born, I am." In my eternal self I have always been. I am Spirit. I am light. I am power. I am the living Christ. I am untouched by birth or death. I am without beginning or end.

"I am the light of the world." Christ in me is the living light, "the true light, *even the light* which lighteth every man, coming into the world." The light of Spirit glows in my mind, and I am intelligent. The light of Spirit lights up the cells of my body, and I am radiantly alive and well. The light of Spirit shines in me, through me, and for me, and my path of life is bright, my way is clear before me.

"And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all . . . unto myself." Christ in me is lifted up this day. Christ in me is exalted now. My mind, body, and affairs are blessed by the Christ Spirit, and my whole life is transformed, renewed, perfected. I am alive with the eternal life of Christ.

❦ *And the glory which thou hast given me I have given unto them; . . . I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfected into one.*—JOHN 17:22, 23.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH, AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.

THIS prayer is one that Truth students used during the war years, and it is one that we should continue to use now, when the world so much needs understanding, unity, and permanent peace.

On this day which commemorates the end of World War II let us consciously open our heart and mind to the peace and love of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful." We may feel inadequate in ourselves to help in establishing peace in the world, but Christ has given us the gift of His peace. We can let His peaceful Spirit find expression through us and extend a far-reaching blessing.

In your thought about world conditions "let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful"; but remember that the peace of Jesus Christ is here, blessing you and making you a blessing to all that your thought includes.

♣ *My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you.*—JOHN 14:27.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN ME REVEALS TO ME THE TRUTH ABOUT MY TALENTS AND ABILITIES.

WORK SHOULD not be striving and toil. work should be the expression of our own particular abilities, aptitudes, and talents. Every person seeks absorbing and satisfying self-expression, but an activity that is exceedingly absorbing and satisfying to one person may be dull and tiresome to another. Each one must study himself and his own nature and learn what sort of activities are interesting to him and then develop his knowledge and skill along these lines. When a person is prepared to express himself there is always a place where he can do so.

One way of discovering our own particular abilities and aptitudes is prayer. Through prayer we get a true picture of ourselves, and we learn in what ways to develop in order to make the most of our abilities. When we are not satisfied with ourselves, we should ask the Spirit of God within us to reveal to us what we should know about ourselves and to guide us in giving expression to our particular talents.

♣ *Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things.*—MATT. 25:21.

Saturday

GOD IS THE SOURCE OF MY SATISFACTION AND MY HAPPINESS.

HAVE YOU believed that your happiness depended upon a particular person, position, or environment? The truth is that your happiness does not depend on any of these things but upon your knowledge of God as the source of your satisfactions and your happiness. When you know that you are as close to your good as you are to the very Spirit of God that is within you, then you know that your happiness cannot be taken from you. No matter what changes are wrought in your human relations, no matter what position you fill, no matter what your environment may be, you can be happy and find your rich blessings.

As we become conscious of the source of our happiness we are so free that we naturally attract harmonious and interesting companionship, pleasant and lucrative work, and gracious and pleasing environment.

Today renew your consciousness of God as the source of your satisfaction and happiness, and know that through Him your every need is filled.

♣ *God shall supply every need.*—PHIL. 4:19.

GOD IS BLESSING ME NOW.

GOD IS blessing me now. He is freeing me from unhappy thinking and filling me with His Spirit. God is blessing me now. The way I felt or acted even a moment ago is already forgiven by His love. Right now I can accept His forgiving love and give expression to happy, constructive thoughts and feelings. God is blessing me now with peace in my heart and mind about myself, my life, my affairs; He is blessing me with peace about anything that has caused me worry or concern.

God is blessing me now. He understands me better than I understand myself; He sees me always as I want to be in my true self. When I am tempted to be irritable, God blesses me with poise and patience. When I am tempted to be fearful, God blesses me with faith and courage. When I am tempted to feel bewildered God blesses me with wisdom and understanding. If I seem to lack interest or enthusiasm in living, God blesses me with a new spirit.

God is blessing me now.

♣ *I will bless thee, and make thy name great.*—GEN. 12:2.

I AM STRONG IN THE LORD, AND MY SOUL IS SATISFIED AND HAPPY.

ANYONE WHO feels that it is impossible for him to rid himself of some undesirable habit needs to know that he does not have to make his overcoming alone, that the conquest of habit is not a matter of personal determination or sheer will power. Resolving to give up a habit sometimes only helps the habit to gain a stronger hold; for the failure to keep one's resolution tends to intensify the feelings of weakness and failure that cause one to rely on some destructive habit for satisfaction.

Instead of thinking of himself as weak, instead of condemning himself, the person who desires to be free from harmful habits needs to realize that in him is a strong, free Spirit, the very Spirit of God. He may feel weak in himself, but God in him is stronger than his fears, mightier than any habit. Instead of resolving personally to overcome, instead of relying on "will power," if he will rely on the Spirit of God in him, if he will affirm that he is strong in the Lord, he will be free with the freedom of Spirit.

♣ *Jehovah is my strength.*—PSALMS 28:7.

Tuesday

AUGUST 20

THE SPIRIT OF JEHOVAH IS WITH ME, AND I SEE CLEARLY.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

THE SPIRIT of Jehovah is the name we give to the animating Spirit of all creation, the life-giving, light-bringing Spirit. It is the Spirit of Jehovah that causes light to shine upon our ways so that we see clearly the path that is ours to take.

If we are puzzled by a problem or situation, we may not know how to go about understanding it or how to go about finding the key to its solution. We mull it over; perhaps we offer a silent prayer to God for illumination. Then suddenly we perceive matters in a new light; we see something in the problem we have not seen heretofore; we have a new grasp of the factors that enter into the solving of it. We exclaim, "I see! I see!" The Spirit of Jehovah has given us light and we see clearly.

Whatever the problems or situations that may come before us today, the Spirit of Jehovah is with us to make the darkness light.

♣ *Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God.*—II COR. 4:6.

Wednesday

THE PROSPERITY THAT GOD PLANNED FOR ME IN THE BEGINNING IS NOW MANIFEST, AND I AM BOUNTIFULLY SUPPLIED.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

THE physical scientist gives his attention to ascertaining how the laws that govern the world about us operate. The student of spiritual science or Truth believes that God's universe, God's creation is one of order and exactness, and that God's will directs and controls it. He gives his attention to learning to co-operate with God, the source of every good, so that he may prove and demonstrate the law of supply and prosperity.

It is helpful in gaining a larger understanding of prosperity to realize that while God's universe is orderly and exact, it holds unlimited good for man. Men have thought that if some are to have plenty others must go without, but this is not according to God's will or plan. God is not a God of lack. Jesus assured us, "Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things."

The works of Jehovah are great, . . .
And His righteousness endureth forever.
—PSALMS 111:2, 3.

THE RESTORATIVE POWER OF GOD WITHIN ME IS QUICKENED, AND I AM HEALED.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

WHEN WE need healing for body, mind, or spirit, we enlist the aid of whatever healing agency we have faith in. But no matter what healing agency or system we look to for aid, it is God indwelling who does the healing work, whose healing power quickens and restores us.

If we have faith that some person, some treatment, some remedy, will heal us, we need to enlarge our faith so as to realize that while help can come to us in external ways, true healing comes only from the restorative power of God within us. We should bless all channels through which healing help comes, for a co-operative and receptive spirit hastens healing, but at the same time have steadfast faith in the God power within us that restores any untoward condition of ill-health or imperfection in mind, body, or spirit.

Pray now for the restorative power of God to quicken you, to vitalize you, to heal you wholly.

♣ *I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds.*—JER. 30:17.

Friday

GOD IS MY EFFICIENCY.

TODAY I would be efficient in all things, unhurried, calm, and serene. I would see God's pattern in my life. I would trust in His law of divine order to bring my good into manifestation.

I would ask God for guidance, and I would be receptive to His answers, no matter from what apparent source they come, or in what manner.

I would remember the Persian proverb "Luck is infatuated with the efficient." I would do efficiently all those things which are daily required of me. But those things which are nonessential I would prune ruthlessly out of my life. All negation, all hate, all belief in evil I would forgo in order to make room for more love, more joy, more achievement. I would be efficient with the efficiency of God, which is smooth, time-saving, effortless. I would not be a slave to mortal efficiency, but I would go beyond to the higher efficiency that follows a pattern of divine order and moves in a divinely timed rhythm.

I would be an efficient channel for the life and love of God.

♣ *All things work together for good.*—ROM. 8:28.

Saturday

GOD, IN THE FULLNESS OF HIS LOVE AND INTELLIGENCE, IS EVER PRESENT WITH ME TO PROTECT ME, TO GUIDE, AND TO BLESS ME.

IT IS wonderful to know that no matter where we are God in the fullness of His love and intelligence is with us to help us solve any problem that may arise. We can never step outside His understanding and benevolent presence, and His help is as accessible to the one who has never prayed before as it is to the one who has leaned on Him from childhood.

When we become aware of this loving presence ever with us, we cease to be afraid of undertaking new things or of making changes we have always wanted to make, because we know that He is ever with us to guide us and protect us. We know that no matter how complicated life may seem to us in our own human judgment, God is present to show us the way through. Nothing is dangerous or complicated to God, so nothing is dangerous or complicated to the one who has faith in His loving and intelligent presence.

Thou wilt show me the path of life:
In thy presence is fulness of joy.
—PSALMS 16:11.

Sunday

I KNOW GOD AS THE FULFILLMENT OF EVERY NEED OF MY HEART, AND I AM AT PEACE.

WHEN A person has been disappointed or disillusioned by another's actions, he sometimes builds up a guarded and wary attitude toward life and people. He does this to protect himself from another such experience. But this shuts him off from the free and spontaneous expression of love and trust that inspires love in others, and that brings interesting and fulfilling experiences.

Rather than withdraw his faith in life and his trust in people, he should know that there is always fulfillment for his own particular nature, and if one person does not meet his standards and ideals harmoniously, there are others who will. He should know that trust and a spontaneous expression of love and appreciation bring out the best in other persons, whereas distrust and an attitude of "Prove yourself first" encourages resentment and repels love and friendship.

God takes care of His own, and no one ever loses by giving love and trust freely.

♣ *This is my commandment, that ye love one another.* —JOHN 15:12.

Monday

THE HEALING POWER OF GOD IS CEASELESSLY ACTIVE IN ME, EVER SUSTAINING ME IN HEALTH AND WHOLENESS.

YOU HAVE every reason to expect health as a natural and habitual condition in your life. God dwells continually in the temple that is your body. Some persons think of God as redeeming love and saving grace, but they do not comprehend Him as renewing life and infinite healing power.

The presence of God that is mighty in the midst of you is your true and unfailing source of health. The healing love of God ever pours forth a benediction of peace upon mind and body. The healing life of God permeates each atom and cell of the body with strength, renewal, and restoration.

You are inseparably and inescapably unified with the healing life of God, for His presence is ever deep within you. Accept this truth joyfully and wholeheartedly. Devote the power of your thought to knowing that you are one with God and therefore one with life, peace, and health. Through realization of your oneness with God, you are sustained in health and wholeness.

♣ *For with thee is the fountain of life.*—PSALMS 36:9.

Tuesday

MY GOOD IS AT HAND THIS DAY. I ACCEPT IT AND GIVE THANKS FOR IT.

WHEN Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand," He meant just what He said. Whatever a person believes about heaven, he believes it to be a perfect state, where God dwells, where everything is harmonious and satisfying.

As we study Truth we learn that it is false and limiting to believe we must wait until tomorrow for our good. The only waiting necessary is dependent upon the length of time it takes one to accept his good, for God's good is always at hand. The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Fulfillment is at hand.

As we begin to think of life in terms of the day at hand and to know that our good is in this day, we free ourselves from the limiting and restricting habit of putting our good off until tomorrow or a later date. We open our mind and heart to God's good today. We find that demonstrations are made quickly, and that each day becomes a heaven where God dwells, where everything is in harmonious and satisfying order.

♣ *The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*—MATT. 10:7.

Wednesday

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I HEED CHRIST'S ADMONITION "FOLLOW THOU ME," AND I KEEP MY EYE SINGLE TO THE TRUTH.

"WHAT IS *that* to thee? follow thou me" is an admonition that each of us is called upon to heed at some time or another. In the world about us, among the nations that comprise our world there are conditions of conflict that cause us worry and concern; there are circumstances in the lives of those about us that seem to call for condemnation; but when we are tempted to judge it is well to say to ourselves, "What *is that* to thee? follow thou me."

This does not mean that we absolve ourselves of responsibility in helping to right unhappy conditions in so far as it is possible for us to do so. It means that we take the emphasis of our thought off the negative to place it upon the positive, the Christ; and in so doing we actually contribute to the solution of problems that have troubled us. To stand fast in the faith that the power of the Christ is at work is to follow the Christ, to keep our eye single to the truth.

♣ *Jesus saith . . . what* is that *to thee? follow thou me.*—JOHN 21:22.

Thursday

THE VERY SPIRIT OF GOD POSSESSES MY MIND AND HEART, AND I AM FILLED WITH HIS PEACE AND POWER.

WHEN YOU let go of personal concern and striving and let the Spirit of God possess your mind and heart, your whole being is flooded with the consciousness of peace and power. Problems, however large or small, drop away from you as you let His Spirit work in and through you. Whenever you feel you need more wisdom, love, courage, or strength, become quiet and know that He is in possession of every thought. If doubt or fear try to take possession, hold to the realization that God is the only presence and power in your life.

You can never be unsure of your way when God's intelligence possesses your mind. You can never be unloving or inharmonious in your relations with others when God's love possesses your heart. You can never be weak or afraid when the consciousness of God's power and might fills every part of your being. As you let go and let God you will be able to meet every experience with poise and confidence.

• *Casting all your anxiety upon him.*—I PET. 5:7.

Friday

THIS DAY I CHOOSE THE GUIDANCE OF SPIRIT IN ALL MY AFFAIRS.

IN HIS last days as leader of the Israelites, Joshua tried to impress upon his people the need for a positive stand as regards their religion rather than a wavering state of mind. He said to them: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your father served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah."

As Joshua, a spiritual leader, challenged his followers, my higher self in me challenges me: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Therefore I resolve not to go on serving (accepting) limiting race beliefs (gods) but to turn from them entirely and serve (accept) the guidance of Spirit in all my decisions.

With my whole heart and mind, I declare: "Father, the limited race beliefs as to how health, happiness, peace, and plenty are acquired do not satisfy me. This day, Father, I choose the way of Truth."

♣ *Jehovah is nigh unto all them that call upon him.* —PSALMS 145:18.

Saturday

I REJOICE IN EVERY EVIDENCE OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD IN MY LIFE AND IN THE LIFE OF OTHERS.

SOMETIMES we allow a state of mind to persist that we are not consciously aware of possessing. Most of us do not think of ourselves as envious, but we are not always able to rejoice wholeheartedly in the good fortune of another; we are not always able to hear another praised without a little feeling of unhappiness in ourselves, especially if the praise is the kind we long to hear about ourselves.

One basic truth that we need always to remember is that God's good is for us and for all. Another's blessings, another's achievements, are evidence of the goodness of God, but the fact that our blessings or achievements are not the same as his is not evidence of any failure on our part. That another is praised instead of us is not evidence that we are forgotten or unappreciated.

The way to overcome negative reactions and feelings is to replace them as they arise in us with understanding, faith, and love; understanding of ourselves, faith in God, and love for others.

• *Love envieth not.*—I COR. 13:4.

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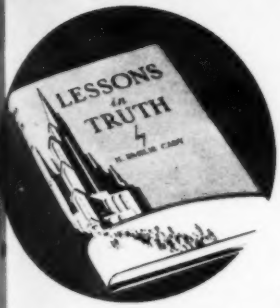
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Like a mind deep in prayer.
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And peaceful and cool
Lies the lily-strewn pool.

There's the heart's pool of peace
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